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SUBJECT: STUDENT SITUATION: TWO YONSEI PROFESSORS DISMISSED

REF: SEOUL 2495

1. ON APRIL 12 YONSEI BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED
DISMISSAL OF PROFESSOR KIM TONG-KIL AND KIM CHAN-KUK.
EARLIER THAT DAY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD REPORTEDLY HAD ASKED
THEM TO RESIGN BUT ACTION WAS ANNOUNCED AS DISMISSAL.

2. ALTHOUGH BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AT YONSEI AND KORYO
UNIVERSITIES HAVE APPARENTLY ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS
OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTS, SOGANG UNIVERSITY BOARD
REPORTEDLY HAS NOT ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF FATHER DALY.
(REFTEL). NEW PRESIDENT OF KORYO UNIVERSIDY WILL
BE SELECTED BY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD AND NOT BOARD ITSELF,
CONSIDERED A DEPARTURE FROM NORM.

3. ON APRIL 14, KORYO UNIVERSITY EXPELLED EIGHT
STUDENTS AND SUSPENDED EIGHT. ACCORDING TO PRESS,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WAS NOT SATISFIED AND ASKED
FOR FURTHER ACTION. ON APRIL 15, KORYO EXPELLED
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TWENTY-FOUR MORE STUDENTS FOR TOTAL OF THIRTY-TWO.

4. FOLLOWING APRIL 12'S DEMONSTRATION AT SIN-IL HIGH SCHOOL (REF), AUTHORITIES EXPELLED NINE STUDENTS AND SUSPENDED ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY ON APRIL 14. POLICE REPORTEDLY ARE STILL HOLDING NINE EXPELLED STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WHAT WAS CONSIDERED BY OBSERVERS AS RELATIVELY MILD PROTEST.

5. AS OF APRIL 14, TWENTY-FIVE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ARE CLOSED ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS SPECULATES SOME MAY OPEN BEGINNING WEEK OF APRIL 21.

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